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**Education-to-Careers: A Shared Venture**

# YOU Should Be Involved in Education-to-Careers. Here's Why:

As a representative of labor, a taxpaying member of your community, a parent, relative or neighbor of a school child, you have a vested interest in making sure our kids receive a high-quality education. Our future depends on it. Perhaps **you** are returning to school.

## Global Competition. Computerization. Communications.

Today's global economy has changed the way businesses and organizations operate. The educational needs have changed, too. That's why Education-to-Careers was developed.

Education-to-Careers is a national effort to make school vigorous and relevant – and ensure that students:

- Want to stay in school
- Are prepared to continue to learn throughout their lives

# The Role of Labor

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Illinois Labor represents working men and women in almost every industry in our state.

You know that today's workplace requires workers who can solve problems, think critically, work in teams and constantly learn on the job.

You're also aware that the skills of the workforce are our community's major competitive advantage.

You can:

- Help introduce students to various careers
- Meet with youth, parents, teachers and counselors to explain apprenticeships
- Serve as panelists in public forums to discuss your craft
- Help students make career choices
- Mentor students who show promise for labor careers
- Help keep educators and students abreast of technological and workplace changes

# Education-to-Careers: A Shared Venture Building for Tomorrow

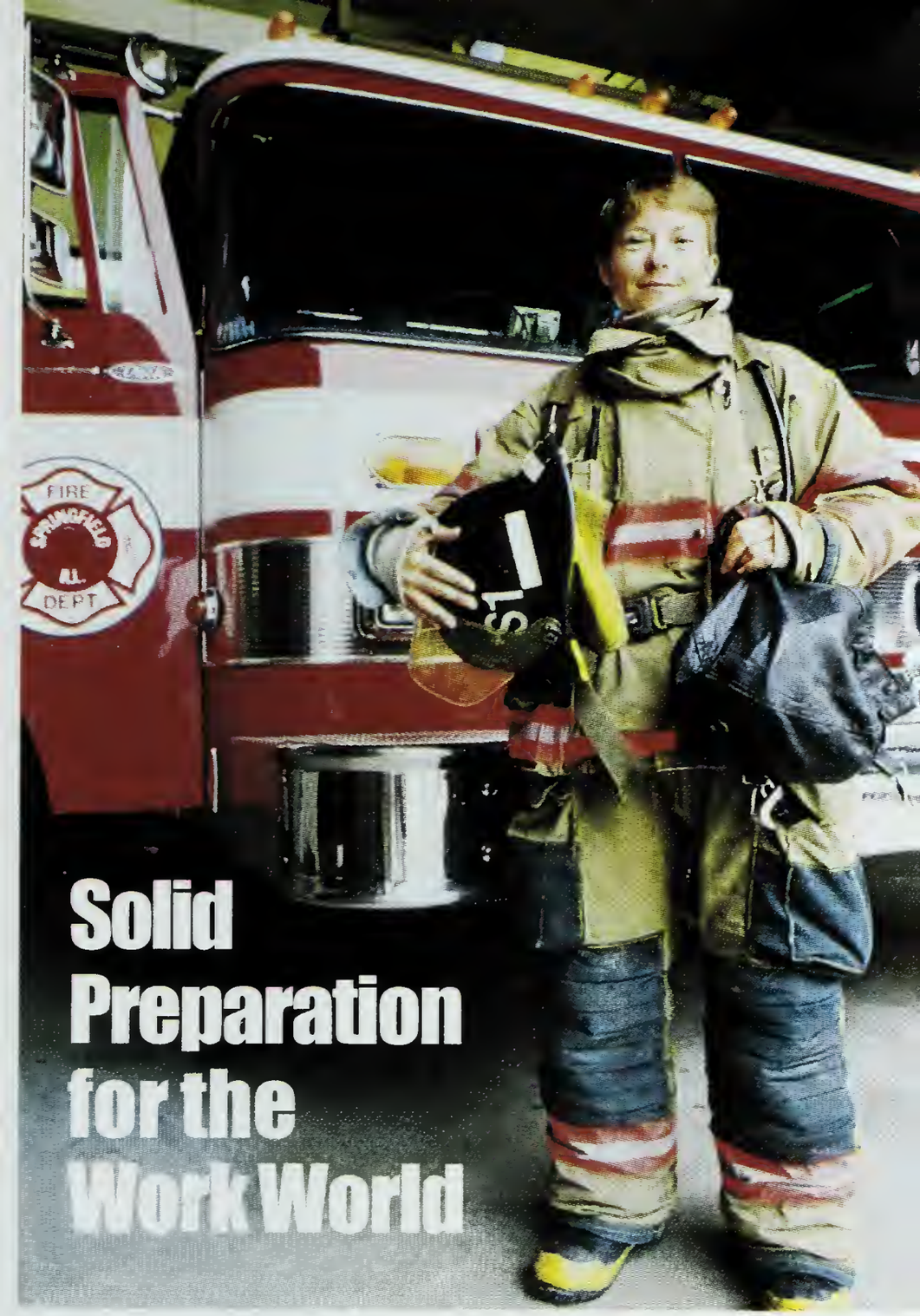
Education-to-Careers is a shared venture, developed through partnerships of schools, employers, labor, parents and community organizations.

It brings outside resources into the schools and takes students to the workplace. It helps connect what's going on in school and on the job with the individual's goals.

**Education-to-Careers is designed to ensure that every student:**

- Receives a solid grounding in academics
- Learns about the many career choices available
- Has a better understanding of the workplace
- Knows about the variety of education options in high school and after graduation

- Realizes that school is only the first classroom in a lifetime of learning




Education-to-Careers can prepare young people for high-skill, high-wage careers and increase their opportunities for further education.

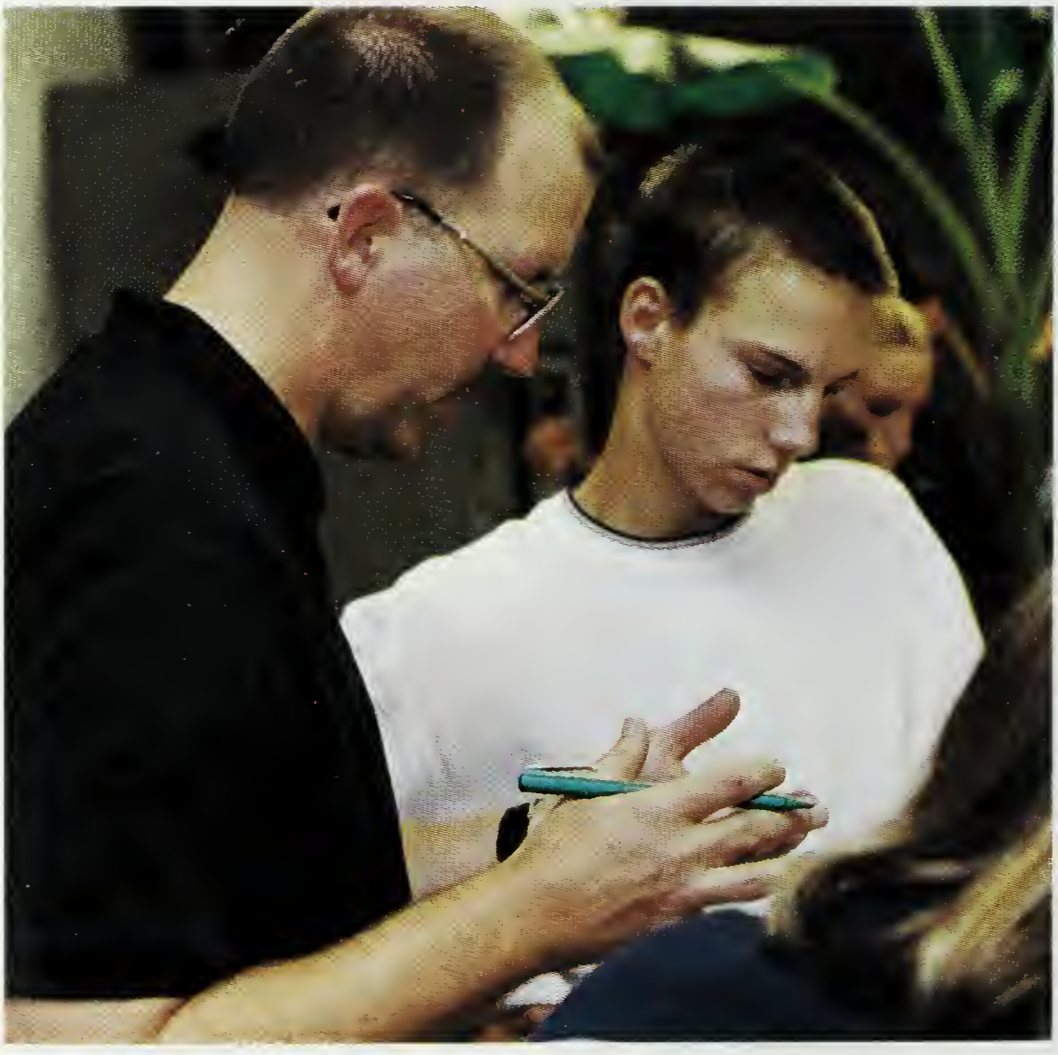
It develops competence, confidence and connections for individuals that can help them have successful careers.

# The Results?

- A better education
- Better employment prospects
- Multiple options for every student leaving high school
- Better preparation for students planning to enter apprenticeships

Education-to-Careers improves the way young people are prepared for work and closes the gap between the requirements of Illinois' jobs and the readiness of its workforce.

It gives students an opportunity to see labor unions at work and the role they play.



# A World-Class Educational System

A world-class education system that adequately prepares individuals for tomorrow's workplace will help students find the employment they need to support themselves and their families; workers will be able to remain competitive and earn high wages; and the U.S. economy will be able to sustain the quality of life all citizens expect to enjoy.

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# Get Involved!

Labor's involvement in Education-to-Careers is important to its success in your community. You can make a difference!

Thirty-nine local Education-to-Careers partnerships have been formed around the state. These local partnerships are responsible for regional planning to meet the career development needs of all learners within the partnership area.

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For more information about Education-to-Careers, visit the following Internet sites:

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**http://www.isbe.state.il.us/etc**

Or, you may call 217-782-4768.

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